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TAGS: BENC, CO
SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: BOGOTA MASS TRANSIT SYSTEM

REF: (A) 75 BOGOTA 12355; (B) STATE 155115; (C)
BOGOTA 7076; (D) USDOC 12224

1. POST HAS OBTAINED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION DIRECTLY FROM THE INSTITUTO DE DESARROLLO URBANO (IDU).
2. SEVEN COLOMBIAN ENGINEERING COMPANIES ASSOCIATED WITH EXPERIENCED FOREIGN ENGINEERING FIRMS HAVE SUBMITTED OFFERS FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY OF THE BOGOTA MASS TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM. THESE OFFERS ARE BEING EVALUATED BY IDU ACCORDING TO PRICE AND EXPERIENCE OF THE COLOMBIAN AND FOREIGN FIRMS. IDU HAS NOW INFORMED US THAT AWARD WILL BE MADE IN TWO WEEKS. POST HAS BEEN UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHICH FOREIGN COMPANIES ARE BEING CONSIDERED.
3. THE FEASIBILITY STUDY CONTRACT WILL BE AWARDED FOR A TECHNOLOGICAL STUDY IN WHICH IDU WILL PARTICIPATE DIRECTLY. THE RECIPIENT OF THE AWARD WILL SERVE AS A CONSULTANT AND ADVISOR FOR 32 WEEKS, NOT 32 MONTHS AS STATED IN REF D COST OF THE FEASIBILITY CONTRACT HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED AS YET.
4. IDU CONFIRMED THAT THE ARAB COUNTRIES MENTIONED IN REF D. HAVE OFFERED A LOAN OF \$165 MILLION FOR TOTAL COST OF THE PROJECT, HOWEVER NO DECISION TO ACCEPT THIS OFFER HAS BEEN MADE. SEVERAL LOAN OFFERS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM OTHER

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FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

5. THE SUBWAY ALTERNATIVE HAS NOT BEEN REJECTED AND
STILL REMAINS A POSSIBILITY.

6. POST WILL NOTIFY USDOC AS SOON AS FEASIBILITY STUDY
CONTRACT HAS BEEN AWARDED.
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